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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT  
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED  
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C  
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A  
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID  
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains:

**Amendments to the Claims** beginning on **page 2** of this paper and

**Remarks/Arguments** beginning on **page 8** of this paper.